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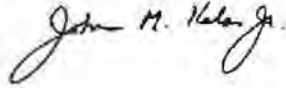
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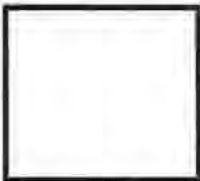
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Title: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Former members U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., obtained a charter in Fulton County, Ga., in the name of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in December, 1959. Efforts made by officials of numerous Klan organizations not including U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., to consolidate. [REDACTED] Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., attended meetings in Atlanta, Ga. and Chattanooga, Tenn., but later reportedly said that he had decided not to enter into a consolidation, and to build his own Klan organization without trying to take over any Klan group. Results of Klonvocation held by [REDACTED] at Riverdale, Ga. on 6/24/60, set forth. [REDACTED] reportedly has units at Riverdale, Mableton, and Gainesville, Ga. and presently organizing a unit at Rossville, Ga. Informant made available copies of The Kloran, and Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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DETAILS:

A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND
EVENTS LEADING UP TO OBTAINING
CHARTER

Confidential Informant Atlanta [] advised on November 28, 1959, that [] U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., stated on November 25, 1959, that he had received information that a [] had obtained an application for a charter for a new Klan group from the office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia.

Confidential Informant Atlanta [] advised on November 25, 1959, [] stated that he had learned that [] Exalted Cyclops of the Jonesboro Unit of the U. S. Klans, was head of the group attempting to impeach [] [] stated further that [] also an official of the Jonesboro Klavern, was involved in the conspiracy, and had contacted [] Georgia State Grand Dragon of the U. S. Klans, and asked him if he would accept the position of Imperial Wizard, which [] refused.

[] advised on November 30, 1959, that [] called a special meeting of Klan officials on November 28, 1959. According to [] conducted the meeting, and in his opening remarks said [] [] said that [] gave a lengthy talk on splinter groups attempting to cause disunity in the U. S. Klans, and finally [] asked [] his reasons for obtaining an application for a new Klan group. [] replied that he

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thought two groups could fight for the same thing without being enemies. [] added, however, that he thought the matter had gone as far as it was going, according to []

[] gained the impression that a petition for a charter had not been filed up to this time. [] explained to [] that to file for a charter for a new group would be against the Constitution of the U. S. Klans, and would mean that he was failing to keep his oath to uphold the U. S. Klans. [] stated that [] said he had the Klan at heart, and "was not mad with anyone" and offered to resign from the U. S. Klans. [] accepted [] resignation, and [] left the Klavern.

[] stated also at the above meeting [] read an order of banishment for [] Editor and Publisher of "The Suburban Sentinel", a weekly newspaper published in Decatur, Georgia, [] told the group that [] was banished forever from the U. S. Klans as he had become affiliated with [] and a Klan organization, which [] is trying to organize. [] also stated that [] could be reinstated only through the Imperial Office.

[] advised on December 3, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held by the Union City, Georgia Unit, U. S. Klans, on December 1, 1959, there was heated discussion concerning the resignation of [] [] stated that several Klansmen resigned from the U. S. Klans at this meeting, including []

[] advised on December 5, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held in Atlanta on December 3, 1959, [] told the group he was quitting the U. S. Klans as [] was not protecting its membership, and had done nothing to refute allegations made against him. [] referred to the following article, which appeared in the December 3, 1959, edition of "The Suburban Sentinel" described above:

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"IMPOSTER KLAN OPERATING IN
GEORGIA ONE MAN KLAN HEADED
BY EDWARDS

"The U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, headed by one E. L. EDWARDS is no more the KKK than a high school dance,

"Upon investigation it has been learned that E. L. EDWARDS is sole owner of the organization, and it has been alleged that in order to keep from being placed on the Subversive list that he has turned over the names and addresses of every member to the Attorney General of the United States. If this alleged information is a fact, it ties in with the recent expose of EDWARDS by the Georgia Tribune.

"We have heard the remark many times that the U. S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was no more than impersonators of the original KKK. It has been alleged and proven that EDWARDS has no plans to help prevent the race mixing of the schools and it was a well known fact that the original KKK had a definite plan to prevent any Klansmen's child from ever going to a mixed school.

"The Georgia Tribune of October 29, 1959 said he had turned over a photostatic copy of the members applications to the Atomic Energy plant in Knoxville, Tenn., and that men were about to lose their jobs because of it.

"We do know one thing-- the organization has not paid this newspaper and some other newspapers for advertising.

"It seems a shame that the American people have been misled by this man into believing that he had the original KKK when he does not approach it in any form.

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"The original KKK had definite programs, and knew what they were doing, and usually completed any program that they had.

"The original K.K.K. stood prepared to set up private schools anytime they were needed.

"A suit by ELDON L. EDWARDS vs. Association of South Carolina Klans, which was tried before Judge C. C. WYCHE at Spartanburg, S. C., May 26, 1959:

"Validity of EDWARDS claim of copyright denied by order No. C. A. 6562 said order holding among other things that he acted as a mere copyist and therefore was not an author. That the mere aggregating of old material does not amount to ordinary skill sufficient to authorize a copyright.

"In plain English, EDWARDS does not have a copyrighted KLORAN, as what he actually had tried to do was to change the original KLORAN around. Using a small amount of the original with his own ideas. This places present members of the U. S. knights of the KKKK as actually not being members of the KKK, as he has never established Knighthood in the order and his men could not qualify for Knighthood as they have not been members of the KKK. Therefore his organization is an imposter organization, without knowledge of Klan Kraft."

[] at the meeting on December 3, 1959, stated if the above story were not true, [] should have prevented it from being published. According to [] the following Klansmen walked out of this meeting:

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All of the above men turned in their Klan card, according to [redacted] stated that [redacted] [redacted] stayed through the meeting, but threw his card on the desk, and walked out at the close of the meeting.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] said he had to reprimand [redacted] for holding unauthorized Klan notorcadés, and shooting firearms on the public highways. [redacted] said [redacted] had worked hard to build several Klaverns, and now apparently wanted to take them over. According to [redacted] stated before he left that [redacted] had worked hard to build up the [redacted] was very sincere in his work, and had increased the membership to about two hundred and fifty.

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[redacted] advised on December 16, 1959, that [redacted] stated on [redacted]
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According to [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]

Date December 15, 1959

[redacted] Secretary of State,
State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, made his file
available concerning a charter for the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. on December 15, 1959.

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"I, [redacted], Secretary of State of
the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that

'KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.'

"was on the 7th day of December, 1959, duly
incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia by
the Superior Court of Fulton County for a period of
thirty-five years from said date, in accordance with
the certified copy hereto attached, and that a
certified copy of the charter of said corporation has
been duly filed in the office of the Secretary of
State and fees therefor paid, as provided by law.

"In testimony whereof, I have set my
hand and affixed the seal of office,
at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta,
this 7th day of December, in the year of
our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Fifty Nine and of the Independence of
the United States of America the one
Hundred Eighty-Fourth.

"/s/ [redacted]
Secretary of State, Ex-Officio
Corporation Commissioner of the
State of Georgia"

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On 12/15/60 at Atlanta, Georgia File # 157-60

by SA [redacted] /mel Date dictated 12/15/59

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"GEORGIA

FULTON COUNTY

"To the Superior Court of Fulton County:

"The petition of [redacted] and [redacted] respectively,
shows:

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"(I) Petitioners desire for themselves and associates to be incorporated under the name and style of:

'Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.'

"for a period of thirty-five years, with the privilege of renewal for a like period.

"(II) The principal office of the group shall be located in Fulton County, Georgia, but petitioners request the right and privilege to establish branch chapters and/or offices throughout the State of Georgia, as well as throughout the United States, and foreign countries.

"(III) Petitioners show that the purpose and object of the corporation is that of non-profit, benevolent, and eleemosynary, and shall not in any wise be to the pecuniary gain to its members.

"(IV) The petitioners desire that the society shall have its power to confer an initiative and decree ritualian, fraternal, and secret obligations, words, grips, signs, and ceremonies under which there shall be united only white race, male persons of sound mind, good moral character, with its membership, identity, records, and/or records shall be to the corporation, and/or its members an immunity, and shall not be at any time surrendered or published; and further its special rights, power and privileges as are now extended and provided for in similar fraternal orders.

"(V) Petitioners desire that there shall be a supreme legislative body in which shall be vested the power to adopt and amend the Constitution and Bylaws for the regulation of the general purposes and welfare of the order, and of the subordinate branches of same.

"(VI) Petitioners desire that the 'Imperial Klönvokation' (Supreme legislative body) to be composed of the supreme officers and kleepers (Delegates), selected by the 'Kloro' (State Convention) of the several 'Realms' (Subordinate Jurisdiction); and of such other persons as the constitution and bylaws of the society may provide.

"(VII) Petitioners desire that the business of the society shall be under the control of the 'Imperial Wizard' (president) who shall be amenable to his official administration to the 'Imperial Klöncilium' (Supreme executive committee), a majority of whom shall have authority to act, and a two-thirds majority power to veto the official acts of the 'Imperial Wizard' (President) in the matters pertaining to the general welfare of the society; and to contract with other members of the society for the purpose of promoting and conducting its interest and general welfare in any way, manner or method he may deem proper for the society's progress and stability, subject to the restrictions of the power of the 'Imperial Wizard' (President) as is heretofore set forth in this petition.

"(VIII) Petitioners desire that they shall have the right to adopt a constitution and bylaws and elect the first 'Klöncilium' (Supreme Executive Committee), which shall possess all the powers of the 'Imperial Klönvokation' (Supreme Legislative Body) until the first organizational meeting of that body, and shall fix the number, title and terms of officers composing said 'Klöncilium' (Supreme Legislative Committee).

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"(IX) Petitioners show that the names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

[REDACTED]
Jonesboro, Georgia.

[REDACTED]
Stockbridge, Georgia.

[REDACTED]
Jonesboro, Georgia.

[REDACTED]
Jonesboro, Georgia.

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"Petitioners show, allege and declare that all rights and the true intent and purpose of the corporation and/or its function shall be the same as the original charter granted on the first of July, 1916; and petitioners desire all the rights and privileges accorded and provided under and by virtue of code section 22-1827-28 of the Corporate Laws of 1938.

"(XI) Petitioners desire all privileges, grants and powers granted to corporations of similar desire and purpose.

"WHEREFORE: Petitioners Pray:

"(a) That the foregoing charter be granted with all the powers and privileges herein asked for;

"(b) That the corporation shall have such other and further powers and privileges granted to corporations of similar nature.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
FOR PETITIONERS.

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"ORDER

"The within and foregoing petition for charter read and considered, and attached hereto is the certificate of the Secretary of State certifying the name petitioners desire to wit: 'Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' and the petition herein being accompanied by an affidavit of a publisher certifying that all costs have been paid.

"It is hereby ordered and adjudged that petitioners be incorporated under the name and style of 'Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' with all rights, powers, and privileges prayed for together with such other powers and privileges granted to corporations of similar nature.

"This 7th day of December, 1959

"VIRLYN B. MOORE
Judge S. C. A. C.

"Filed in this office this the
7th day of December 1959,

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Deputy Clerk"

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"STATE OF GEORGIA
FULTON COUNTY

"This is to certify that [REDACTED]
Attorney for Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has
satisfied all financial requirements for the
publication of Petition and Order for Charter in the
ATLANTA'S SUBURBAN REPORTER.

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"/s/ [REDACTED]
ATLANTA'S SUBURBAN REPORTER.

"Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 7th day of
December, 1959

"RUTH P. BROCK
Notary Public, Georgia,
State at Large.

My commission expires
May 15, 1961
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"STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

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"I, [REDACTED] Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of petition of [REDACTED] ETAL, for incorporation under the name and style of

'KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.'

"and the order of court thereon allowing same, all of which appears on file and record in this office.

"Given under my hand and seal of office
this the 7th day of December, 1959.

"/s/ [REDACTED]
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT,
FULTON COUNTY, GA.

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"The Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, carried the following article in its edition of December 9, 1959:

"KLAN BICKERING LEADS TO NEW GROUP HERE

"Bickering within the ranks and leadership of Georgia's heretofore dominant Ku Klux Klan has brought about a split in the organization, it was reported Wednesday.

"The formal breakup was heralded by the chartering of a new Klan group in Fulton County called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

"The splinter organization resulted from an internal squabble in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., the group headed by ELDON EDWARDS of Atlanta, informed sources said.

"The EDWARDS organization has not been the only Klan in Georgia, but it has had more members than any other KKK group. EDWARDS in 1957 claimed a membership of 50,000 in Georgia and other states where his group had affiliates. In 1958, the Anti-Defamation League estimated the total at 12,000 to 15,000.

"In MACON, the Georgia grand dragon of the EDWARDS Klan termed the newly chartered group insignificant and said it 'should soon fall by the wayside.'

"LEE DAVISON, the dragon, said 'our organization does not go along with organizations of this sort'.

"'With the school situation as it is in Atlanta, this type of organization might prove detrimental to the general Ku Klux Klan program,' DAVISON said.

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"Informed sources said that individual Klansmen and some units of the EDWARDS Klan have been peeling off and going to other KKK organizations.

"Some have joined the Christian Knights of the KKK, a Columbus-headquartered group, and some have gone over to the Associated Klans, a Montgomery, Ala. outfit, it was reported.

"Financial matters were said to be among the subjects causing discord in the U. S. Klans.

"EDWARDS could not be reached for comment on the new organization.

"The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., said in its charter it was to be a nonprofit, benevolent and charity group in which 'there shall be united only white race male persons of sound mind, good moral character. . . .'

"Listed as incorporators were R. L. BING, Sr., Stockbridge, H. J. JONES, W. B. PARR and J. T. CAMPBELL, all of Jonesboro. The charter was granted in Fulton Superior Court by Judge VIRLYN B. MOORE."

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[redacted] have advised in the past that [redacted] Editor of "The Suburban Sentinel", during a great part of 1959 was a member of and a booster of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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[] advised on September 22, 1959, that at a Klan meeting held in Douglasville, Georgia, on September 19, 1959, it was announced that [] had agreed to share with the Klan a portion of subscription fees obtained by Klansmen from the sale of subscriptions to "The Suburban Sentinel".

[] advised on September 24, 1959, that [] had announced that he used a code system of placing three stars at the head of news items when he felt that a particular news item was of interest to the Klan, and should be read by all Klanspeople. Further, that many paid advertisements in "The Suburban Sentinel" by Klanspeople carried the initials T.W.A.K., meaning Trade With a Klansman, or A.K.I.A., meaning A Klansman I Am. However, [] and [] have advised that during the latter part of 1959, [] became dissatisfied with []

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[] advised on December 26, 1959, that on the evening of December 24, 1959, [] advised that he was head of a new group which had just been chartered under the name of Knights of the Ku Klux Klans, Inc. According to [] said he was making an effort to obtain ritualistic material from former Klan groups to be used in connection with his preparation of ritual books for his new Klan group.

[] advised on December 31, 1959, that he was told by [] on the night of December 28, 1959, that they had obtained some of the forms formerly used by the now defunct Association of Georgia Klans.

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[] advised on January 2, 1960, that on the night of December 30, 1959, [] made

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inquiries concerning a source of Klan robes, and, according to [] he was told that suitable robes could be purchased from the Floding Company of Atlanta.

[] advised on January 11, 1960, that [] stated he intended to use all four Klan degrees in connection with his organization, but was hampered due to the fact that he did not have the secret instructions for the last three degrees.

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On March 16, 1960, [] made available a fifty-five page "White Book", "Kloran Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.".

On April 28, 1960, [] made available a copy of the "Constitution and Laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia".

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VARIOUS KLAN GROUPS INTO ONE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Meeting Henry Grady Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia
February 27 and 28, 1960

[] advised on January 15, 1960, that []
[] stated on January 14, 1960, he had received a
letter from [] of Florida, asking for a
consolidation of the HENDRIX group with the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[] advised on January 18, 1960, that []
[] stated on January 15, 1960,
that they desired to obtain propaganda material of an
old Klan group to be reprinted and distributed by
their organization.

[] advised on February 12, 1960, that
Klansmen [] from Atlanta, Georgia, and []
and [] from Jonesboro, Georgia, attended a
meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on
January 10, 1960, at the residence of []
head of the organization, Pinellas County, Florida.
[] said that these four men invited [] and his
state officers to attend a meeting of Klansmen from
all over the South to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at
4:00 p.m. on February 27, 1960. [] said that the
purpose of the Atlanta meeting was to attempt to
unite all Klan groups and to exile []
of the U. S. Klans and those loyal to him. According
to [] included in this meeting will be "the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan", "Florida Klans", "Federated
Klans of Alabama", "Interstate Klans", and "Ten State
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[] said that the men from Georgia wanted [] to attend the meeting because they consider him to be the outstanding Klan authority in the United States, and they need his advice.

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[] advised that [] indicated he will advise, and will welcome affiliation with any sincere Klan group, but will not join his men as part of any other Klan group. He said that any group wanting to join with his organization would first have to be investigated and approved.

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[] advised on March 1, 1960, that a meeting was held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, for the purpose of uniting all Klan groups on February 27 and 28, 1960. [] advised that among those present in Atlanta were [] Titan from Tallahassee; [] Titan from Belle Glade; [] from Okeechobee; [] New Smyrna Beach, Grand Dragon of the Florida Klans, which is affiliated with the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan headed by [] from Dallas, Texas; [] Grand Dragon of the Hendrix group in Jacksonville, 9733 Harriet Avenue; and about ten or twelve others were from Florida, who were not identified. There was no one from Miami.

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According to [] other states represented were: [] electrical contractor from Columbia, South Carolina; [] Grand Dragon, South Carolina Klan; [] South Carolina Klan from Columbia; an old man named TOM (LNU) from Columbia, South Carolina; [] of Atlanta, Georgia, a roofing contractor, P. O. Box 596, Atlanta, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta; [] Biloxi, Mississippi, Grand Dragon of the Mississippi Klan; [] Atlanta, Georgia, distributor of Bibles; [] Imperial Wizard, Dixie Klan, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, [] Chattanooga, Tennessee; [] [] Charlotte, North Carolina, Franklin 6-8254, representing the North Carolina Klan on behalf of the [] Grand Dragon of North Carolina, [] Greensboro, North Carolina; [] from Dayton, Ohio, was representing the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on behalf of Imperial Wizard []

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[redacted] from Montgomery, Alabama, Imperial Wizard of the Federation of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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[redacted] said nothing of importance took place until 5 P.M. on Saturday. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. in room 300 of the Henry Grady Hotel, with [redacted] of Atlanta as Chairman. The meeting was opened with the [redacted]. The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to join together all of the Klans into the old Original Simmons and Bedford Klan of 1916. The Chairman asked for comment about joining together from those present and requested them to identify themselves when they spoke.

[redacted] of South Carolina, then [redacted] of Mississippi, [redacted] of Chattanooga, [redacted] of Florida, [redacted] of Ohio, [redacted] Alabama, who spoke on behalf of the Citizens Council, and Ku Klux Klan of Alabama under the direction of a [redacted] from Alabama, and [redacted] of South Carolina.

[redacted] stated that, generally speaking, all favored consolidation. They bickered about minor details about leadership, local administration and representation, etc. This discussion went on until about 11:15 P.M., when the meeting adjourned for one hour and at 12:15 A.M., Sunday, February 28, 1960, the Imperial Officers from each state: Grand Dragons, Assistant Dragons, Secretary-Treasurers and all Imperial Wizards, were to reassemble in Room 1103, the hotel room of [redacted] for the purpose of setting up a national organization structure, decide program and strategy. All others were instructed to reassemble at 9:00 A.M. on February 28, 1960, in Room 300, at which time the leaders would report on progress made toward affiliation and organization of one National Council of Klans.

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[redacted] stated that in the closed meeting held from 12:15 to 3:30 A.M., attended by state officers of the various Klans, it was decided that wherever a Negro problem developed or existed, the newly-formed National Council would give the local police officials two days to straighten the Negroes out, or the Klan would move in in force to maintain segregation. If necessary, they would bring Klan members from other states to assist. [redacted] said the leaders could not get together on how to set up the administration of the newly-formed National Council.

About 9:30 A.M., Sunday, February 28, 1960, the entire group reassembled in Room 300. [redacted] He announced the state leaders had agreed on strategy, but could not agree on how to set up the administration of the new Grand Council. He asked for those present to present their ideas, according to [redacted]

[redacted] stated someone from every group spoke and offered various ideas. The result of this discussion was that those present unanimously voted to report to their respective state groups; to arrange for delegates from each state group to be elected; to work out an agreement for affiliation with the new National Klan Council; send delegates to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 13-14, 1960, to meet at the Klavern meeting place, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga. The number of delegates was not limited. Affiliation, administration and strategy will be finally completed and formulated at this meeting so that the Klan will be able to present a united fighting front against the "Negro-Communist-Jew conspiracy". They will also form plans and set the date for a national convention of all Klans under the National Council to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, not later than three weeks after the Chattanooga meeting. At the national convention the national officers of the new Grand Council will be elected and the administrative set-up of the Council will be established and voted upon.

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Confidential Informant Atlanta [] advised on February 18, 1960, that [] Jonesboro, Georgia, the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (KKKK, Inc.) Atlanta, Georgia, had sent out invitations to leaders of all Klan organizations throughout the South with the exception of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (USK, KKKK, Inc.), which is under the leadership of [] Imperial Wizard, Atlanta, Georgia, and leaders of the USK, KKKK, Inc., throughout the South, inviting them to a conference at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, February 27-28, 1960, for the purpose of trying to organize one central Klan organization known as KKKK, Inc., thus improving strength of the Klan in that all is under one leadership with organized plans and purposes. This would eliminate all small Klans with different leaders and no central plan or purpose.

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[] on March 2, 1960, advised this organizational meeting of all Klans with the exception of USK, KKKK, Inc., delegates, was held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, as planned, on February 27-28, 1960. Informant advised approximately 134 delegates were present representing the following Klans and states:

ALABAMA: FEDERATED KLANS OF ALABAMA, INC.
Individuals recognized by informant from Alabama were [] Montgomery, Alabama, and [] [] Alabama, (city unknown).

ARKANSAS: ARKANSAS KU KLUX KLAN which is connected with [] KKK organization of Dallas, Texas. Two men from some unknown city in Arkansas, names of individuals unknown. Both described as white, males, 35 years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, one with black hair and one with dark brown hair.

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FLORIDA: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [redacted] Imperial Wizard, St. Petersburg, Florida, and [redacted] Tallahassee, Florida.

ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC., [redacted] Imperial Wizard, Tampa, Florida.

GEORGIA: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (KKKK, INC.) [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, Imperial Wizard, [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, (FNU) [redacted] believed to be from Jonesboro, Georgia. [redacted] Stockbridge, Georgia, (FNU) [redacted] Jonesboro, Georgia, [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, (FNU) [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, (FNU) [redacted] Decatur, Atlanta, Georgia.

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (DK, KKKK, INC.), [redacted] Exalted Cyclops, Rossville, Georgia, Klavern, [redacted] [redacted] Attorney, Rossville, Georgia, [redacted] Rossville, Georgia, [redacted] Exalted Cyclops, DK, KKKK, Inc., Dalton, Georgia, Klavern.

MISSISSIPPI: MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN. [redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi, Grand Dragon of Mississippi KKK.

NORTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX KLAN, INC. Informant advised during roll call two or three individuals stood up from North Carolina representing this organization, but they did not make a speech, did not identify themselves, and he could not furnish any description of these men or give the name of the city in North Carolina they represented.

OHIO: CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [redacted] Dayton, Ohio, represented this organization.

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SOUTH CAROLINA: ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina,
[redacted] Swanse, South Carolina
and (FNU) [redacted] city unknown, South Carolina.

TENNESSEE: DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [redacted] Imperial Wizard,
Chattanooga, Tennessee, [redacted]
[redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INC. [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised that due to the
extremely large group, noise by talking of the delegates
during introductions, that some of the above names may
not be complete or initials may be in error and the
chartered name of the Klan organizations may differ
from those listed above, but names listed above were those
generally used during the conference. Informant
pointed out that approximately 134 delegates were
present; however, he was only able to obtain names
of those listed above. He stated only those states
listed above were represented even though [redacted]
told the press that seventeen states were represented.

[redacted] advised that prior to the first
large assembled meetings of delegates on February 27,
1960, that [redacted]

[redacted] Those
present at this meeting were [redacted]
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[redacted] of KKKK, Inc., [redacted] and
[redacted] The purpose of this meeting
was to discuss certain of the Klan leaders who were
invited to determine if they and their organizations
would be acceptable in the KKKK, Inc. if organized
consisting of all the small Klan groups.

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[] advised the meeting proceeded as follows:

The first discussion was concerning []
[] ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA KLANS, INC.
[] of reporting to outsiders,
including the press, some incidents in the past
concerning Klan activities and [] was very much
opposed to [] being asked to join, and stated he
had had great differences with [] in the past in
relation to Klan activities in Florida. During this
discussion, [] was questioned concerning some
of his past activities and associates which were not
approved by those present. He was questioned con-
cerning his past reported efforts to take Negroes into
his Klan organization. He explained this by stating
he received some requests from individuals in Africa
to join his Klan organization and sent some literature.
He said he had never asked Negroes in the United
States to join his Klan organization, and had instructed
the individuals from Africa to use the literature he
sent them as they desired.

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He was then questioned concerning his
association in the past with []
[] He said he had been a Klan leader in Florida
for many years, and usually men active in racial
matters as [] contact Klan leaders, and
under these circumstances he was contacted. He stated
he did not agree with many of the things [] and
[] advocated. Informant advised at this point
[] was dismissed so those remaining could
discuss [] Tampa, Florida, representing
Association of Florida Klans, Inc. Those present
discussed [] and stated he was a loyal Klansman,
opposed to violence, and night riding and due to some
incidents, not named, [] has been forced to
disband for the good of the Klan name and a lot of
good Klansmen. No decision was made at this
conference to accept or reject [] and his
group.

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The next discussion was concerning the differences between the USK, KKKK, Inc., and DK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee,

[redacted] advised the current members of DK, KKKK, Inc., who were former members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, had disagreements with other members and tried to form a separate Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., in Chattanooga, but [redacted], Imperial Wizard, USK, KKKK, Inc., had refused so they formed a new Klan organization. [redacted] stated he had no ill feelings toward the bulk of the members of the USK, KKKK, Inc., at Chattanooga, and felt they could once again get together in a new Klan organization. He pointed out there were large numbers of good Klansmen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rossville, Georgia, vicinity, and all should be in one strong organization.

Informant advised this meeting ended just before the large assembly of all delegates at 5:00 P.M., February 27, 1960, at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] reported that approximately 134 delegates had been invited from seventeen states representing all Klan groups except the USK, KKKK, Inc. The meeting was opened by a prayer by [redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Dalton, Georgia. Then [redacted] advised the delegates the purpose of this meeting was to form one large Klan organization throughout the nation under a central leadership, with organized plans and purpose, to promote the true meaning of Klansmanship as the by-laws and ritual were originally written by [redacted] in 1916.

[redacted] congratulated those present, especially [redacted] for making this meeting possible, and pointed out the Klansmen should band together to fight liberalism, Negroism, NAACPism, and Communism. He offered a resolution that all those present adopt the [redacted] Ritual and Bylaws of 1916. This resolution was passed.

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The next speaker was [redacted] Federated Klans of Alabama, who stated he had been a Klansman since 1924, leader of Federated Klans of Alabama since 1949, and had always advocated unity. He also advised those present he had tried repeatedly to unite with the USK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted] but had not received any encouragement from [redacted]. He said there were many good Klansmen in the USK, KKKK, Inc., and hoped that all present together with these good Klansmen from the USK, KKKK, Inc., could unite in the near future to form a great organization.

Next speaker was (FNU) [redacted] KKKK, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, who said he hoped all Klans could unite as they were in the 1920's.

[redacted] Imperial Wizard, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, was introduced who in turn introduced [redacted] one of the main leaders and planners of the DK, KKKK, Inc., although he does not hold any official office in this organization. [redacted] stated all Klansmen need to preach and practice Klankraft, and DK, KKKK, Inc., favor unity so all can work together in harmony toward same goal.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] Exalted Cyclops of the Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the DK, KKKK, Inc., former Exalted Cyclops of Rossville, Georgia, Klavern of the USK, KKKK, Inc., and former Imperial Officer of the USK, KKKK, Inc., for the year 1957 until banned from this organization in October 1957. [redacted] stated he favored unity of Klansmen and criticized [redacted] for his dictatorship in the USK, KKKK, Inc.

[redacted] then introduced [redacted] Attorney, Rossville, Georgia, who

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represents the DK, KKKK, Inc., in a civil suit in U. S. District Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee, against USK, KKKK, Inc., in a copyright matter [redacted] criticized [redacted], and stated [redacted] was very contrary and refused to cooperate with other Klansmen.

b7C [redacted] Next speaker was [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina, representing Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. He stated he was in favor of unity of Klansmen and also criticized [redacted] USK, KKKK, Inc., and pointed out his organization had won a civil suit against [redacted] and the USK, KKKK, Inc. He reportedly gave [redacted] Attorney for the DK, KKKK, Inc., a copy of the U. S. District Court order in the civil suit between USK, KKKK, Inc., and Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida, was the next speaker. He stated he favored unity and was glad to be present. He stated he had been accused of many things such as advocating accepting Negroes into his Klan organization, association with [redacted] and [redacted] and many other things he did not mention. He again explained these items as he did in the closed session set forth above. He concluded the only salvation was to unite the Klan forces to fight together with central planning and leadership and through this method they could build the greatest organization in the world.

[redacted] Dayton, Ohio, representing CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, of which, according to some of those present, [redacted] is reported to be the leader, was introduced. He immediately defended [redacted] stating he had worked

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with him for years and [] had done more to expose people in high places than any other person. He pointed out [] has exposed [] a Jew, who infiltrated the Association of Georgia Klans, Inc., he had picketed the White House in Washington, D. C., and had attended meeting of Congressman JOHN WOOD in Chicago, Illinois. He said [] had made some mistakes, but he must defend [] and his actions.

[] stated [] ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX KLAN, INC., objected to [] and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN and []. After the objection by [] many other delegates also objected, and at this point [] KKKK, INC., Chairman of this meeting, interceded, stating that [] and CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN have been known for a long time, and would not be recognized as an individual and organization. He said [] and the organization have advocated many things contrary to the teaching of the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and for that reason would not be accepted into the new KKKK, Inc. being formed. Informant stated he understood that many inquiries were made among the delegates to determine who invited [] or any representative of the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS KU KLUX KLAN, and all met with negative results. He stated [] said later he believed [] came uninvited.

[] Biloxi, Mississippi, representing MISSISSIPPI KU KLUX KLAN, was the next speaker. He favored unity of all Klan groups and encouraged the organization of all Klans. He said he had adopted Mississippi, and hoped to build a strong Klan in Mississippi, and work with the Citizens Councils of that state.

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At this point, informant advised the meeting was interrupted by a television team invited by [redacted]. All those present who wanted to be in the program, who had robes, were invited to stay and the others asked to move to the next room reserved by [redacted] for this meeting. Photographs and film were taken of those who remained, and [redacted] acted as speaker for those present. After this intermission, the meeting was continued. Informant advised [redacted] left at intermission, and did not return, stating he could not go along with [redacted].

(FNU) [redacted], Decatur, Georgia, was the next speaker, and spoke on Klankraft and concluded by urging those present to unite in one organization.

[redacted] Tallahassee, Florida, was the next speaker, also representing National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [redacted] urged those present to work, organize one organization, and build it into a very strong group. The meeting was then recessed at 11:45 P.M. until the next morning, February 28, 1960.

A meeting of a select group of leaders was then held in Room 1101, Henry Grady Hotel, from 12:00 midnight until 2:00 A.M. Those present were [redacted].

[redacted] The purpose of this private meeting was to determine if these individuals and the organizations they represented could agree on action already taken or suggested, could work together, and if they were in favor of one great Klan organization with one leadership, and combined plan and objective, eliminating the many small Klan organizations. All those present agreed they could, and wanted such an organization.

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[] advised the meeting of all delegates was called to order by [] at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:10 A.M., February 28, 1960. He complimented those present on the progress that had been made, and pointed out there were many who had not been called upon to express their views, but it would be impossible to call on everyone; however, he wanted to call on a few additional delegates. At this point, he called upon (FNU) [] South Carolina, who said they all should work together, form one organization, and stated the South Carolina Klansmen were in favor of unity into one such organization.

The next speaker, name unknown, reportedly was from Miami, Florida. He advised he had been a Klansman and member of the CIO, but found he could not serve both organizations, and did not believe that [] could either. He said he had turned in his CIO membership card, and wanted to know why [] had not done so also.

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He said he favored uniting the various Klans into one Klan organization, and seconded the suggestion they plan another organizational meeting for the leaders to work out the details of such a merger. He stated they could work out these problems as much as possible between now and the next scheduled meeting. The informant was unable to furnish any additional information or description of this individual.

The informant reported at this point that [] took charge of the meeting. It was voted on and decided that the leaders of the various Klan organizations meet for further planning on consolidation of the Klan organizations into one

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group known as the KKKK, Inc., at Columbia, South Carolina, sometime in May, 1960, exact date to be set at a later time. It was suggested all leaders try to work out any problems that might arise both locally and as a whole between now and the scheduled meeting at Columbia. All those present agreed.

[redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Rossville, Georgia, suggested that a local meeting of the Klansmen in North Georgia, North Alabama, and Tennessee, meet at the DK, KKKK, Inc., hall, 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, to work out any local problems sometime in March, 1960. This was agreed and the informant reported a tentative date of March 12-13, 1960, was set. He also said that many of the leaders present from other areas than the local area mentioned said they would attend this meeting to assist in the progress and get pointers for settlement of their own local problems.

[redacted] suggested that they discuss the recent wave of Negro sit-down strikes at white lunch counters across the country. He said the Negroes, NAACP and Communists thrive on violence in promoting their organizations and collection of funds. He pointed out the situation in the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., is far worse racewise than any other city in the United States. He pointed out the best solution for Klansmen was to organize, get their own people registered to vote, and to elect officials who give the Klansmen a fair deal. In this connection, the informant stated that [redacted] DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, stated that Chattanooga had recently had racial trouble in that city resulting from the Negroes conducting a sit-down strike at white lunch counters in downtown stores in Chattanooga, and the Chattanooga Police Department had brought the situation under control.

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[] Swansea, South Carolina, urged those present to unite and expressed confidence that the various Klans could unify into a strong organization.

[] Montgomery, Alabama, representing the Federated Klans of Alabama, Inc., urged all those present to be present at the meeting at Chattanooga, and in the meantime they should study the works of []. He stated he favored unity of all Klans, and planned to be present at Chattanooga.

[] KKKK, INC., told those present he had secured a charter through the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, to operate a Klan organization known as the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. He sponsored a resolution which was accepted by those present that no release would be given to the press without some agreement of the leaders, and being authorized to make such a release by the leaders. He also suggested that members present refrain from knocking other Klans that may not be represented, that included [] USK, KKKK, Inc., since these organizations contain some good Klansmen which may later be interested in joining with this new movement. This was also passed as a resolution. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:20 P.M., February 28, 1960.

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"The Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, in their combined edition of February 28, 1960, carried the following article:

"KLAN SPLINTER GROUPS
HOLD MEETING HERE

"Representatives of Ku Klux Klan splinter groups in 10 Southern and three northern states met in Atlanta Saturday to consolidate their forces.

"Sessions were to continue through Sunday at the Henry Grady Hotel, where reservations for some 75 Klan representatives were made in the name of Imperial Wizard H. J. JONES of Jonesboro.

"The press was barred from the Saturday night session. Klansmen from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan, and New York were expected.

"Conspicuously missing from the list of groups invited to attend was the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, an employee of an automobile assembly plant here.

"EDWARDS said the groups meeting here had been booted out of his organization for various reasons.

"Klansmen said the main purpose of the Atlanta meeting is to establish a working arrangement among the various Klan groups that will lead to a more compact organization."

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"The Atlanta Journal" in its edition of March 2, 1960, carried the following article:

"RIVAL KLANS IN GEORGIA HURL
CHARGES OF 'FAKE'

"A wide-open fight appears to have developed between two rival Ku Klux Klan groups in Georgia.

"The Imperial Wizard of 'The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. -- a new group organized in Atlanta this past weekend-- said Tuesday that the U. S. Klan, headed by E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, 'is a fake klan', with 'a fake klan leader'.

"Mr. EDWARDS said Monday that the new group is 'composed of outlaw splinter groups who have been kicked out by us for treason and what have you'.

"His charges were answered by H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, leader of the new group.

'Any true Klansman . . . recognizes the EDWARDS outfit as a fake,' Mr. JONES said Tuesday.

"'If he is looking for a fight, we will give him what he is looking for', he said.

"'Our constitution states that only white, male gentiles of good moral character will be accepted for membership, where EDWARDS' charter does not specify as to the type of person that can be accepted in the U. S. Klan,' Mr. JONES said.

"He added: 'Therefore, Negroes and others are eligible for membership in the U. S. Klan.'

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"We feel the public is entitled to the true facts and not a one-sided statement made by some greedy splinter group leader," he said."

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[] advised on February 29, 1960, that there was a special meeting of the leaders of several Klan groups from different states held at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on February 27 and 28, 1960.

[] described the meeting as follows:

OFFICERS PRESENT AND RECOGNIZED

[] (Acting Exalted Cyclops) Grand Dragon of Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

[] Grand Dragon of Mississippi, Biloxi, Mississippi, P. O. Box 806.

[] (Grand Dragon of Dixie Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee).

[] Klaliff of Dixie Klan, Inc. (North Georgia and Tennessee).

[] Grand Dragon of Federation of Klans, Montgomery, Alabama.

[] Grand Dragon of Association of South Carolina Klans, (Swansea, South Carolina).

[] Grand Dragon of Florida Ku Klux Klan (Samsula, Florida).

[] Grand Dragon of Southern Knights Klan (Oldsmar, Florida).

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[redacted] Dayton, Ohio (A radical, carries card of [redacted] Klan).

[redacted] Organizer (Charlotte, North Carolina).

[redacted] Exalted Cyclops of West Columbia, South Carolina, Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] Organizer, Columbia, South Carolina.'

[redacted] Kludd of #697, Fountain Inn, South Carolina, Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] Member of Columbia, South Carolina Association of South Carolina Klans.

[redacted] (Organizer for United Southern Employees Association, Inc. Has South Carolina Klan card, but is presently located in Miami, Florida).

[redacted] Editor of the Suburban Sentinel, Atlanta, Georgia.)

[redacted], Klaliff of Florida Ku Klux Klan (Tallahassee, Florida).

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ESTIMATED MEMBERS PRESENT

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DISCUSSION AT MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., February 27, 1960, in Room 300, of the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, by Acting Exalted Cyclops [redacted]

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Most of the meeting was taken up with the introduction of the various Grand Dragons and other members from their respective states and Klans. There was a recess at 7:30 to allow any member present to leave who did not want their pictures taken by news and T. V. cameramen. The meeting was resumed at 9:00 p.m., and Chairman [] called upon various Grand Dragons for speeches. [] of Montgomery, Alabama, Federation of Klans, spoke encouraging cooperation between all the Klans, regardless of who they were started by. [] Grand Dragon of the Dixie Klans, spoke of being against the Georgia Klan headed by [] but the Dixie Klan was ready and willing to cooperate with any and all Klans represented. Speeches were continued until approximately 12:00 a.m., at which time Chairman [] asked that each group give considerable thought to the possible unity under one head as a National Klan, and to give any suggestions at the 9:00 a.m. meeting to be held February 28, 1960, in the same room.

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"The Atlanta Journal" in its edition of February 29, 1960, carried the following article:

"KLAN GROUPS MERGE TO GAIN MEMBERS

"By DOUGLAS KIKER

"Independent Ku Klux Klan groups from a disputed number of Southeastern and Southwestern states have consolidated as 'The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.' as a result of a weekend meeting held in Atlanta.

"The new organization will have a membership of 'at least 42,000', in 17 states, according to H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, the Imperial Wizard.

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"This is a new order composed of groups which have been operating independently for some time,' Mr. JONES announced.

"He said the consolidation does not include either the U. S. Klan-- headed by another Atlantian, E. L. EDWARDS-- or the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a Columbus outfit.

"Mr. EDWARDS said Monday that his U. S. Klans would not recognize the new group.

"It's an assumed name they picked up after being thrown out of our organization,' he said.

"He said the JONES organization was composed of 'outlaw splinter groups who have been kicked out by us for treason, or what have you,' and said that the meeting was attended by representatives from only five states, and not the 17 claimed by Mr. JONES.

"All combined their membership wouldn't total 300', he said. As to the figure of 42,000 claimed by Mr. JONES, Mr. EDWARDS said, 'It would fool me if they had over 45.'

"He said that according to his information splinter group representatives from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee attended the weekend meeting here, 'plus a man who lives part of the time in Mississippi and part of the time in New York who claimed to represent both states.'

"The new group will abide by the original

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1916 constitution and rituals as written by Col. W. J. SIMMONS, KKK founder, Mr. JONES said.

"The consolidation is apparently intended as a frontline challenge to the national U. S. Klan, headed by Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. JONES' klan was chartered in Fulton County on Dec. 7, 1959 after he split with EDWARDS, reportedly over financial matters.

"Mr. JONES said his organization will seek only high-type members. 'We don't intend to go out here and take the bums off the street,' he said.

"He said that within the next two weeks Kleagles-- Klan organizers-- will go into 30 additional states in a drive aimed at enlisting 10 million additional members within the next 18 months.

"He said New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware are among the states to be visited by Kleagles.

"The new group is holding a second meeting shortly, he said. He declined to identify the location of the meeting, but said that it was 'within 125 miles of Atlanta.'"

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"The Atlanta Constitution" in its edition of March 1, 1960, carried the following article:

"NEW KLAN SEEKS 10 MILLION

"A new Ku Klux Klan group Monday announced plans to combine independent Klansmen in 17 states and seek 10 million more members in 30 states.

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"The infant organization promptly was termed a splinter group by another klan outfit's leader, who discounted membership claims of the new group."

"H. J. JONES of Jonesboro, said plans for a group known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., were formed at a weekend meeting. He said the new group combines 42,000 Klansmen from 17 Southeastern and Southwestern states.

"JONES said the organization will seek 10 million members, adding 'We don't intend to go out and take bums off the street.' He said the states to be visited by Klan recruiters include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

"Two other white supremacy groups operating in the South-- the U. S. Klan and the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan --were not included in the merger.

"E. L. EDWARDS of Atlanta, who heads the U. S. Klan, said his organization would not recognize the new group. He said it is composed of 'outlaw splinter groups that have been kicked out by us for treason, or what have you.'

"EDWARDS said the weekend meeting was attended by representatives from only five states, not the 17 claimed by JONES, and declared the new group's membership wouldn't total 300. EDWARDS said he understood representatives from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee attended the meeting."

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Meeting Chattanooga, Tennessee
March 12 and 13, 1960

[] advised on March 16, 1960, as follows:

A meeting of Klan leaders from the Southeastern United States was held at the Imperial Headquarters of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on March 12 and 13, 1960. The meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00 p.m., but was delayed to 6:00 p.m. because some persons were delayed in travel by the bad weather.

The first formal meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., March 12, 1960, by [] Imperial Wizard of the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. About one hundred men were present from Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Texas. [] of North Carolina, wired that he would be unable to attend because of snow.

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Among leaders identified from each state were the following:

Tennessee

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South Carolina

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[] and several unidentified persons from Newberry, South Carolina

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Alabama

[redacted] (an oil company operator from Anderson), [redacted] [redacted] several others not identified.

Arkansas

[redacted] (State Organizer for the Association of Arkansas Klans), [redacted] (from Pine Bluff), and several others not identified.

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Georgia

[redacted]
[redacted] (from Dalton, Georgia)

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[redacted] from Dallas.

The first order of business was a debate on the administration of the new consolidated Klans by a National Grand Council. They could not agree on whether the National Grand Council could issue orders to each individual Klan. It was agreed that the Council, to consist of three men and the Grand Dragon of each Klan, and one alternate delegate from each Klan, would establish policy, remove undesirable council members, and channel information of interest to all Klans for dissemination to all Klaverns.

Local Klans could still exercise their own initiative on action to be taken on local problems and could take prompt action without having to first clear it through the Grand Council; each Klan would furnish funds to the Grand Council for use in employing attorneys to defend Klan members and employ lobbyists to further Klan interests in various state legislatures. The amount to be assessed on each Klan would be decided at the Convention in Columbia, South Carolina, on April 9, 1960. The

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Grand Council will take the initiative in establishing National policy and securing national publicity and issuing Klan publications in furtherance of the Klan program.

The Grand Council will be known as the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and all Klans will be affiliated with the Council, but will still maintain their separate individual identities and names in the states in which they now operate.

The delegates to the Grand Council will be selected by the Grand Dragon of each individual Klan. The Grand Dragons are supposed to attend all Grand Council meetings. At the Columbia convention, they will decide on where these meetings will be held and how often the Council will meet. There will be no permanent chairman. The chairmanship will rotate in order among the Grand Dragons with a different one serving at each meeting.

The paper work, correspondence and general administration will be handled by one full-time permanent secretary, to be selected by the Grand Council at Columbia, South Carolina. He will receive a salary from the funds received from the various Klans. His headquarters will also be decided at the Columbia convention. b7C b7D

During the meeting [redacted] from Texas made a speech against the activity of the Arkansas Klan because they had not cooperated in organizing the Klans in Arkansas and Texas. He also accused the Grand Dragon of Arkansas of defending a Negro in a civil suit against a white man.

Arkansas retaliated by accusing [redacted] of embezzling \$1500.00 collected for Klan robes, and also having taught in the past in an integrated school on the Mexican border.

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This argument resulted in [] having a heart attack; he was carried out to the hospital. Some of the persons present donated funds for [] hospital bill. [] was residing at the Reid Hotel. Arkansas made a good case against [] and he will probably be eliminated from the Klan in the near future. His heart attack stopped any final action on this matter.

All present were instructed that upon return to their home Klaverns they should work with the police and take any action necessary to break up the current Negro lunch counter demonstrations. Also, they were to burn as many crosses as possible on the last Saturday of March at 9:00 p.m.

The Columbia convention on April 9, 1960, will be open to all Klansmen from the Klans represented at this Chattanooga meeting. At this convention, the Grand Council members who have been selected by the Grand Dragons to sit with the Grand Dragons on the Council will be installed for one year and the Council will announce the permanent secretary's identity.

[] from Columbia is being considered for the Executive Secretary position. The Grand Dragons, prior to the convention, will draw up for presentation and voting the policies, authority, financial assessment, and selection of delegates for the Council. All authorized Klan members allowed to attend the Columbia convention will then vote upon the matters presented to them by the Grand Dragons.

Arrangements for the Columbia convention April 9, 1960, at 10:00 a.m. are being handled by [] of Columbia, Assistant Dragon for Columbia.

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This meeting broke up about 2:30 A.M., March 13, 1960, and all present returned to their homes, to reassemble at Columbia in April.

Atlanta [] furnished the following information on March 13, and 16, 1960:

A closed meeting was held in the regular Klan Hall of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Klavern No. 1, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on March 12, 1960. He stated this meeting was for delegates from other Klan organizations in southern states and delegates from other Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., from Alabama and Georgia. He stated this meeting was under the leadership of [] Imperial Wizard, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. [] advised that approximately one hundred delegates were present at this meeting, including about twenty members from Klaverns of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., located at Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #115, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

[] called upon the leaders of the various Klans represented to express their views regarding consolidation of all the various Klans in one Klan organization to be known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. with headquarters located at Atlanta, Georgia. Informant stated [] called upon the various Klan leaders to express their views without naming the leaders and often not naming the Klan organization, but merely asking for the leader of the Klan group from a certain city to express his views. He advised that because of the above the exact names of the leaders and of the Klan groups they represented was not obtained.

He advised that the states represented were:

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Alabama, unknown leader from a Klavern of the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Anniston, Alabama. Five representatives were present from this Klavern, none of their names known.

Unknown leader from a Klan, name of the Klan not known, from Montgomery, Alabama. Four representatives with this individual, none of their names known.

ARKANSAS, Arkansas Ku Klux Klan. Informant advised there were four representatives of this organization from Little Rock and four from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. A leader from each of these cities expressed his views on consolidation.

FLORIDA, Associated Klans of Florida. Informant advised there were three representatives of this organization, however, the city they represented and their names were unknown. He advised that one of these individuals spoke.

GEORGIA, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised there were four representatives of this group from Atlanta, Georgia, first name unknown, last name [] spoke as the leader of this group.

Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised undetermined number of representatives from Klaverns of this organization were present from Dalton, Rossville, and LaFayette, Georgia. Only [] Rossville, Georgia, the Grand Dragon for the State of Georgia, of this group made a speech.

LOUISIANA, name of the Klan organization unknown. Informant advised there were three representatives present, names not known and only one made a speech.

MISSISSIPPI, name of the Klan organization unknown, but it was believed to be the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan.

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Three representatives present, names not known, and cities which they represented unknown. Only one leader of this group spoke.

SOUTH CAROLINA, Association of South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Informant advised that four or five representatives of this organization, names not known or cities which they represented not known, were present. Only one individual from South Carolina spoke.

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TENNESSEE, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Spokesman for this group was the Imperial Wizard, [REDACTED]. Others present from Klavern #115, Hixson, Tennessee, Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee, were named by [REDACTED]

NORTH CAROLINA. [REDACTED] advised it was announced by [REDACTED] that he had received a wire from representative of Klans in North Carolina that due to inclement weather they would not be able to attend this meeting.

[REDACTED] advised that the leader from the South Carolina Klan group stated that all Klans could not work under the same leader or rules as all states had different laws governing various organizations, and that if they consolidated into one Klan group, they would end up with a dictator type organization. He stated the South Carolina Klan groups were not in favor of combining into one Klan organization, but wanted to remain as separate Klan groups and work together with other Klan organizations in southern states toward the same aims and purposes.

[REDACTED] advised that (first name unknown) [REDACTED] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, wanted all of the Klan organizations to give up their individual Klan names, form one large Klan organization, and have one Klan leader located at Atlanta, Georgia. He reported they had a man in Atlanta, Georgia, whom he did not name, who had all of the old Klan records which was the only true Klan organization. He urged all to vote to consolidate into one Klan group with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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[] advised that representatives from all of the other Klan organizations mentioned above spoke and only [] of Atlanta, Georgia, wanted to form one Klan organization, and give up the individual Klan groups. He advised that all other Klan groups voted not to consolidate into one Klan organization, but to remain under separate Klan leadership with their own individual Klan names. He stated delegates voted that since they had decided on March 12, 1960, not to consolidate that there would not be any reason to hold a meeting at 2523 Glass Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the morning of March 13, 1960, as had been scheduled. He stated the delegates voted that there would be a meeting held at Columbia, South Carolina April 10, 1960, and that each Klan organization would select two delegates to attend this meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be for the delegates to decide upon joint aims and purposes for all Klan organizations to form a central committee for Klan organizations and a plan whereby they could work together for the same accomplishments. Informant advised the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m. on March 12, 1960.

[] advised that a heated argument resulted during this meeting between two representatives, and that during this argument one of the representatives had a heart attack and had to be removed from the hall.

Atlanta [] on March 16, 1960, advised that he had had an opportunity to see a letter written on March 13, 1960, by [] Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, mailing address Post Office Box 596, Atlanta 1, Georgia. This letter from [] stated that he had attended the meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of March 12, 1960, and met with the representatives of other Klan groups. He stated that after seeing these individuals and discussing problems with them, he had discarded the idea of the merger between all Klan groups and thought it now best to build a new order with the kind of material that good Klans are composed of, and not take in Klan members from the already organized Klan groups.

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[] stated he was now concentrating in the formation and organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and would try to build this into a large, strong Klan group. He pointed out in his letter that [] Chattanooga, Tennessee, whom he had given a Kleagle (Organizer) Commission card for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had returned his commission to [] by mail without any explanation.

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Special Meeting of Klan
Organizations, Columbia,
South Carolina, April 10, 1960

[] advised on April 23, 1960, that the above meeting was held at Columbia, South Carolina, as planned on April 10, 1960; however, he stated that [] representing the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Alabama, was not present.

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Miscellaneous

[] advised on May 4, 1960, that [] Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, reportedly stated that due to the manner in which the Chattanooga, Tennessee meeting was conducted on March 12, 1960, he had decided not to consolidate the other Klan groups in various parts of the country, but instead decided to build his own Klan organization without trying to take over any other Klan group.

[] further stated that [] reportedly said that he had not attended the scheduled meeting of Klan organizations while at Columbia, South Carolina, on the night of April 10, 1960, and had no intentions of meeting with this group in the future.

Consolidation Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia,
May 22, 1960

[] advised on May 24, 1960, that leaders of various Klan groups in the Southeastern United States gathered at Atlanta, Georgia, in a meeting to further finalize the consolidation of all Klans for a joint operation. [] advised that [] Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, was not present. [] also advised that [] Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Atlanta, was not present at the above meeting on May 22, 1960.

[] advised on May 23, 1960, that [] stated that while the Atlanta meeting on May 22, 1960, was well attended, [] was not present.

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C. KLONVOCATION - KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Riverdale, Georgia
June 11 and 12, 1960

On June 24, 1960, [] furnished the following information concerning an executive conference of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., consisting of executive officers of this organization: Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops held at the Klan Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, June 11 and 12, 1960:

A special called meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was called for June 11 and 12, 1960, at Riverdale, Georgia, by the Imperial Wizard, [] Jonesboro, Georgia. First meeting was to begin at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 1960. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. on this date under the leadership of [] All Imperial Officers were seated in their respective stations and Klan ceremonies were opened in the regular form. The Imperial Kladd was then directed to escort [] Imperial Wizard, Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., [] Grand Dragon of State of Florida for the KKKK, Inc., and [] Grand Dragon of the KKKK, Inc., for the State of Mississippi, to the platform. They were introduced by [] to those present. When the meeting began, there were 37 delegates present. [] then addressed those present stating that he had no intentions of discriminating against any klansman or various klavern of this organization, but felt that this should be a planning meeting and executive officers, Grand Dragons, Imperial Officers, Kleagles, and Exalted Cyclops should only be present to discuss the various plans of this organization. He stated he appreciated that a number of the such officers could not be present, but that either a Kleagle or an Exalted Cyclops from these various areas was present to represent their various groups.

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[] then asked if there were any resolutions, at which point [] stated they had a joint resolution to enter. [] then read the resolution which had been prepared prior to the meeting by []

The resolution was to institute a program whereby all klansmen would work on an educational program to educate everyone as to what the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stood for including a segregation program opposing integration of schools, churches, and restaurants. It was introduced that they would work with citizens, citizens' groups, teachers, PTA organizations, school and church groups, as to the meaning and definition of a U. S. Citizen under the U. S. Constitution and point out that the Democratic system of the United States Government would be destroyed if complete integration were accomplished.

[] Imperial Klarogo, made a motion that the resolution include segregation in hotels, motels, swimming pools, and beaches. This amendment was approved and added to the original resolution which was adopted.

The various members and officials present were then asked for their comments concerning the above resolution.

[] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, then spoke to the delegation. He stated he was constantly traveling throughout the State of Alabama in connection with his klan work and that great progress had been made in the State of Alabama by using an educational system and carrying to the people of the State of Alabama the aims and objectives of the klan in preserving segregation throughout the South.

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[redacted] Grand Dragon for the State of Mississippi, then spoke to those present stating that he had been using an educational system similar to the one just adopted in the State of Alabama. He pointed out that his group regularly meets with civic groups, teachers, PTA groups, church groups, and other school groups in an effort to preserve segregation in the South.

[redacted] Grand Dragon for the State of Florida from Tampa, Florida, then spoke to the group, stating an educational program of the klan had always been the basic part of any klan program, as well as for other fraternal orders and civic groups. He pointed out there had been much criticism and that the klan groups should not become involved in politics. He pointed out that in order to maintain our Democratic system of Government that klansmen must do some politics. They should exercise their right to vote and to contact others and try to persuade those to qualify and vote; that klansmen should take the issues at stake to the people and explain to them by the use of an educational program the aims and purposes of the klan and the preservation of a segregated South. He pointed out that the citizens of Florida had become tired of LEROY COLLINS, Governor, and by taking their program and desires to the people of Florida as a group on a house-to-house type campaign, meeting with civic groups, church groups, they had succeeded in their recent election by electing a Governor of Florida, CARLTON.

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[redacted] then in turn introduced [redacted] Imperial Kligrapp, [redacted] Imperial Klokard, (FNU) [redacted] Imperial Klaliff, (FNU) [redacted] Imperial Night Hawk, (FNU) [redacted] Imperial Klabee, [redacted] Imperial Klarogo, and Kleagle [redacted] All stated they agreed with the discussion and adoption of the resolution as it had been passed. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m. to be reconvened at 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning, June 12, 1960.

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The executive meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was reconvened on Sunday morning at the Klavern Hall, Riverdale, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m., June 12, 1960. All officers were seated and 34 members were present. This second session began under the leadership of [redacted] Imperial Wizard of this organization.

At the morning session, [redacted] plus many others whose names were not recalled, made brief speeches concerning ideas in connection with promotion of the klan in their various areas. The majority of the promotion programs were the same.

(FNU) [redacted] Kleagle, a resident from the vicinity of Jonesboro, Georgia, who was a former old-time Kleagle, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., under [redacted] expressed his experience in organizing for various klan groups. He stated the best method was to go into a town or community, contact about a dozen men, pick the best one of the lot to serve as his representative and then visit this representative once a week and encourage these twelve men to make additional contacts. On his weekly visits he would pick up the applications already secured and that he stated he had never failed to organize and issue a charter in a community where he had used the above method.

[redacted] made a suggestion that each klavern hold a briefing period once each month for the purpose of the educational program and require all new members to receive special instructions in the klan program as to what it actually stood for, their desires, aims and purposes. [redacted] also made a motion that a program committee be elected to serve as directors in the form of an advisory board on an educational program for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. This motion was

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seconded, voted on, and carried. [] was nominated for Chairman of this committee; however, [] pointed out that since the Imperial headquarters of this organization was in Atlanta, that he believed it would be more advisable for the Chairman and the educational committee to reside in the Atlanta area. Those present agreed and [] was elected Chairman of such a committee. It was decided that [] should elect his own members to serve with him on this committee. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

[] advised that the principal leaders present at the meeting of June 11 and 12, 1960, were:

[] Imperial Wizard
Jonesboro, Georgia

[] Imperial Kligrapp
Jonesboro, Georgia

[] Imperial Klokard
Chattanooga, Tennessee

(FNU) [] Imperial Klaliff
Stockbridge, Georgia

(FNU) [] Imperial Klabee
Jonesboro, Georgia

[] Imperial Klarogo
Decatur, Georgia

(FNU) [] Imperial Night Hawk
believed to be in vicinity of
Jonesboro, Georgia

[] Grand Dragon for
State of Florida
Tampa, Florida

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[redacted] Grand Dragon
for State of Mississippi
Biloxi, Mississippi

[redacted] Grand Dragon
for State of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

[redacted] Kleagle
Rossville, Georgia

(FNU) [redacted] Kleagle
vicinity of Jonesboro, Georgia

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[redacted] advised of the others present, the majority were from the immediate vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia. He pointed out that the State of South Carolina was represented at this meeting by Exalted Cyclops from one or two klaverns, but he was not able to obtain the name of these individuals or the cities or towns which they represented. He pointed out that the Imperial Kladd, Imperial Kludd, Imperial Klexter, and the Great Titan of Providence 5 were present at this meeting; however, their names were not obtained.

D. ACTIVITY

[] advised on January 15, 1960, that [] said on January 14, 1960, that he had chartered a unit of his organization at Chattanooga, Tennessee with [] in charge. [] further advised that [] said he expected to start a unit in Mississippi, which was something [] had never been able to do.

[] advised on January 6, 1960, that officials of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta met with Klan officials of Tennessee at 1:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 1960, at the Boulevard Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. [] advised that the Tennessee Klansmen read the charter and documents as presented by [] and they seemed to be in order. All present seemed to want the organization to be a non-profit organization, and that violence would not be tolerated. Nothing was said at this meeting as to the actual opening of a new unit at Chattanooga, Tennessee, however.

[] advised on April 23, 1960, that about thirty to thirty-five automobiles were observed parked at about 8:00 p.m. on April 21, 1960, in front of the klavern located on Highway #78, Mableton, Georgia. [] described the building as being the only two-story building in Mableton. [] said that upon making inquiry, he was told that it was the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. meeting at this address, and was given the following card:

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"THE

KU KLUX KLAN

"Is dedicated to the security of America, first, last and forever, and the rehabilitation of a Liberal Christian Faith as exemplified by our Saviour Jesus Christ. We will not compromise or temporize on the question of patriotism or one's duty as a worthy citizen. This is a Country of Laws, American Laws, observance of which, alone, will preserve our Democracy. Each Citizen is entitled to peace and security, to seek this, the right of others must be held inviolate and free from objectionable intrusion or arbitrary invasion. Opposition to the Klan emanates from sources which do not, or will not learn, and evil groups whom we restrain by reflecting the light of truth, where cunning prevails. If no evil intention existed there would be no Criticism of the Klan. Join this Crusade by returning card with your Name and Address to P.O. Box 596, Atlanta 1, Ga. We will treat same in Confidence.

"KNIGHTS OF KLU KLUX KLAN, INC."

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On April 22, 1960, [] advised that he was told by a Klansman that the latter felt sure that the [] group was meeting in Mableton, Georgia.

[] advised on June 8, 1960, that at a meeting of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. on June 7, 1960, [] exhibited some propaganda against the Catholics reportedly put out by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Post Office Box 596, Atlanta, Georgia. [] said that []

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commented that [] would get into trouble by putting the name of his organization on this type material.

[] advised on June 30, 1960, that [] indicated on June 28, 1960, that he is really against [] and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. at this time. [] added that [] "slipped in" on him at Gainesville, Georgia, and set up a unit without saying anything about it to [] who had been attempting to do so for some time.

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[] advised on July 15 and August 2, 1960, that he had received no further information concerning activity on the part of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[] advised on July 13, 1960, that [] Rossville, Georgia, Kleagle, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, had rented the old Masonic Hall in the Long Building, Rossville, Georgia, on every Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. [] said that [] stated that he has formed a Rossville Klavern of this organization, but has not obtained a charter for the unit. [] said that he rented the hall from [] who is one of the trustees of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Rossville, Georgia. According to [] a closed meeting was held by this Klavern on []. [] said that [] is head of this group, and stated he was making progress in organizing the unit, and planned on obtaining a charter within the near future.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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Reference report of Special Agent [redacted]
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Klan Speakers Lash U.S., State Leadership

By JOHN PENNINGTON

Ku Klux Klansmen, robed, hooded and masked, gathered at the foot of Stone Mountain Saturday night. They burned two fiery crosses and deep into the night, shouted fiery speeches across a moonlit pasture.

Speakers, chief of whom was a Baptist preacher from Columbus, assaulted the present leadership of the state and nation, both presidential candidates and integration.

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A RED ROBED imperial officer who identified himself as C. H. Maddox of Savannah, of the Georgia Assn. of Klans, said the meeting consisted of representatives of 27 "splinter" Klan groups which have consolidated themselves into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

He said the well-known U.S. Klan, Knights of the KKK, whose imperial wizard, Eldon Edwards of College Park, recently died, is not a member of the association.

Maddox said the Klansmen wore masks because they had that right on private property. A state anti-

mask law makes the wearing of masks in public places illegal.

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APPROXIMATELY 300 persons were scattered across a large pasture, listening to booming voices coming from the platform of a flat-bed truck. A country music band played for the occasion.

Klansmen were ragaled in red, purple, green, white, and black robes. Many of them wore masks across their faces, hiding their identity. The black-robed individuals, known in Klan terminology as "night-hawks," wore skull and cross-bones insignias. Several of those present wore full-scale Confederate uniforms.

Introduced as chief speaker was Jack Johnson of Columbus, described as publisher and owner of the Georgia Tribune, a segregationist paper, and pastor of a Baptist Tabernacle.

He attacked the NAACP, presidential candidates Nixon and Kennedy, Catholicism, and the present state administration.

Maddox said a national meeting of Klan officers and representatives is to be held Sunday.

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